

Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(Original)** A ring saw driver comprising:
a ring saw main body having a multiplicity of cutting edges along an outer periphery thereof; and
an endless strip arranged in a manner being wound at a part of an outer periphery thereof over a part of an outer periphery of the ring saw main body and for driving the ring saw main body into circulation.
2. **(Original)** A ring saw driver according to claim 1, wherein the endless strip is an endless belt.
3. **(Original)** A ring saw driver according to claim 2, wherein the endless belt has such a recess or a projection as to engage with a projection or a recess in the outer periphery of the ring saw main body.
4. **(Currently amended)** A ring saw driver according to ~~any of claims 2 to 3~~ claim 2, wherein the endless belt has a through-hole for avoiding an interference of the ring saw main body with the cutting edge.
5. **(Original)** A ring saw driver according to claim 1, wherein the endless strip is an endless chain structured to engage with a plurality of teeth formed along the outer periphery of the ring saw main body, in a portion being wound over the outer periphery of the ring saw main body.
6. **(Currently amended)** A ring saw driver according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the endless strip is wound over a plurality of rotary members, part of the rotary members

being a driving sprocket or pulley operably coupled to a prime mover of a hydraulic motor or the like.

7. **(Original)** A ring saw driver according to claim 6, wherein the endless strip is wound over two rotary members, at least one of the rotary members being a driving sprocket or pulley.

8. **(Currently amended)** A ring saw driver according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein one or a plurality of inner support members supporting the ring saw main body at an inside thereof are provided on an inner peripheral side of the ring saw main body.

9. **(Currently amended)** A ring saw driver according to ~~any of claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6, wherein part of or all the rotary members are to be changed in position along a plane including a circulation plane of the endless strip, the endless strip being to be adjusted in tension by changing a position of the rotary member.

10. **(Currently amended)** A ring saw driver according to ~~any of claims 8 to 9~~ claim 8, wherein the ring saw main body is removably attached on the driver, part of or all the inner support members being to be changed in position along a circulation plane direction of the ring saw main body, a ring saw main body different in diameter being to be attached by changing a position of the inner support member or by changing a position of the inner support member and the rotary member.

11. **(Currently amended)** A ring saw driver according to ~~any of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, wherein a pair of side-surface support members are arranged in a manner clamping the ring saw main body at both side surface thereof.

12. **(Original)** A ring saw driver according to claim 11, wherein the side-surface support member is a guide roller to roll-contact with a side surface of the ring saw main body due to circulation of the ring saw main body.

13. **(Original)** A ring saw-equipped cutter device to be removably fixed as an attachment to an arm tip of a shovel-based excavator such as a backhoe, the cutter device comprising:

a ring saw main body having a multiplicity of cutting edges along an outer periphery thereof; and

an endless strip arranged in a manner being wound at a part of an outer periphery thereof over a part of an outer periphery of the ring saw main body and for driving the ring saw main body into circulation.

14. **(Original)** A ring saw-equipped cutter device according to claim 13, wherein the endless strip is an endless belt.

15. **(Original)** A ring saw-equipped cutter device according to claim 14, wherein the endless belt has such a recess or a projection as to engage with a projection or a recess in the outer periphery of the ring saw main body.

16. **(Original)** A ring saw-equipped cutter device according to claim 13, wherein the endless strip is an endless chain structured to engage with a plurality of teeth formed along the outer periphery of the ring saw main body, in a portion being wound over the outer periphery of the ring saw main body.

17. **(New)** A ring saw driver according to claim 3, wherein the endless belt has a through-hole for avoiding an interference of the ring saw main body with the cutting edge.

18. **(New)** A ring saw driver according to claim 7, wherein part of or all the rotary members are to be changed in position along a plane including a circulation plane of the endless strip, the endless strip being to be adjusted in tension by changing a position of the rotary member.

19. **(New)** A ring saw driver according to claim 8, wherein part of or all the rotary members are to be changed in position along a plane including a circulation plane of the endless strip, the endless strip being to be adjusted in tension by changing a position of the rotary member.

20. **(New)** A ring saw driver according to claim 9, wherein the ring saw main body is removably attached on the driver, part of or all the inner support members being to be changed in position along a circulation plane direction of the ring saw main body, a ring saw main body different in diameter being to be attached by changing a position of the inner support member or by changing a position of the inner support member and the rotary member.